

REMARKS

All of the claims in this application have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Äström patent 5,752,188. Except for a paragraph entitled "Response to Arguments," the language of this Action is identical to the language in the 11 May 2006 Action, including a spurious reference to prior art (Elliott) not applied or discussed in this or in the previous Action.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-31 for the reasons set out below. The Examiner has quoted claim 1 and 30 verbatim, prefaced by the words, "Astrom discloses." Stating that the applied prior art discloses everything in Applicant's claims does not make it so.

In the first place, Äström does not meet the language of claim 1. This claim states that "information elements ...are *filtered out* of the signaling by a filter method and are transferred to the dedicated network." In Äström, an exchange of information takes place between the information flows *inside* the GSM mobile communications network and a dedicated network. Further, Applicants' claim 1 states that "information elements are not relayed transparently at suitable interfaces in the mobile communication network." Äström, on the other hand, relates only to a "transparent transfer" of information, as stated in column 4, at line 22 and at line 52. The concept of transparent transfer is so central to Äström that those words appear in all 32 claims.

Other than stating that Äström discloses everything in claims 1 and 30, the Examiner has provided no support whatever for her conclusion. For example, the word "filter" never appears in Äström. The stated passage of the cited patent, column 6, lines 10-56, fails to provide such support. There is nothing in those several hundred words that says anything about, or equivalent to, filtering out information elements from the signaling. Without any support or reasoning whatever, the Examiner equates "analyze" to "filter." That is logically and technically improper and unsound.

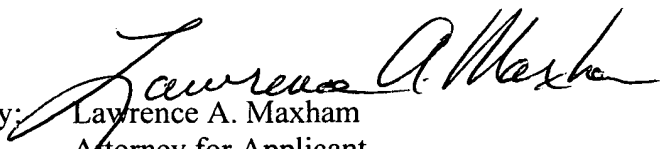
As stated by Äström, “the USSD of handler 122 of the HLR 120 analyzes the USSD to determine whether a corresponding application is defined within the HLR 120.” Thus, the Äström system analyzes the USSD for specific information. The USSD remains in the current network and is then transferred transparently to external nodes. By contrast, claim 1 states that “information elements ... are filtered out of the signaling by a filter method and are transferred to the dedicated network” (this is a different dedicated network, as is clear from Applicant’s application). Analyzing the USSD (Äström) and filtering out information elements from a USSD are technically different and indicate a clear line of demarcation between Äström and the present invention as claimed.

CONCLUSION

The above arguments show that the Examiner has not made out a prima face case of anticipation and that the rejection of claims 1-31 cannot be sustained. Reconsideration and early passage to issue are requested. Should any issues remain unresolved, Ms. Contee is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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